

BEFORE THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION RECEIVED
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Postal Rate and Fee Changes, 1997: Docket R97-1
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
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Notice of Intervention
by the
Coalition of Religious Press Associations (CRPA)

COALITION OF RELIGIOUS PRESS ASSOCIATIONS

American Jewish Press Association
Associated Church Press
Catholic Press Association
Episcopal Communicators
Evangelical Press Association
General Commission on Communication, United Methodist Church
Seventh-day Adventist Publishers
Southern Baptist Press Association

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The Coalition of Religious Press Associations (CRPA) hereby indicates its intention to intervene in the above-named proceeding in accordance with 39 U.S.C. section 3624 and section 20 of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

Members of the Coalition use all classes of mail, but their major volume consists of Periodicals and Standard A mail. CRPA members are primarily not-for-profit publications and companies. Postal rates and mailing requirements for these subclasses of mail are therefore the primary interests of CRPA in this proceeding.

With respect to Docket R97-1, CRPA expects to address the proposed rates for Periodical and Standard A, preferred-rate mailers; issues related to those rates; and other issues that may arise during the course of the proceeding.

CRPA has a statutory interest in the matters to be heard and decided in this proceeding which are of such a nature that its intervention is necessary and appropriate. Its interests cannot adequately be represented by any other party to this proceeding.

CRPA requests a hearing and will be an active participant in this proceeding.

Coalition of Religious Press Associations

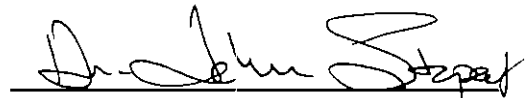
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document on all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dr. John Stapert", is written over a horizontal line.

Dr. John Stapert

July 24, 1997